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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Junior midfielder Sharyne Connoll tangles with a Morehead State University player Oct. 1 at Lakeside Field. Connoll capped Eastern's comeback victory Sunday with a game-winning goal, which was her fifth of the year, against Samford.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Back 'four' more

Winners of fourth consecutive OVC title head to NCAA tournament

BY AARON SHDLITZ
SPORTS EDITOR

There were tears. There was emotion and drama. But more than anything else, there was a fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference tournament victory, and NCAA College Cup birth along with it, won by the Eastern Illinois Panther women's soccer squad.

The Panthers answered every call they needed to when they played against the regular season champion Samford Bulldogs on the host team's hostile territory Sunday afternoon.

Eastern came back from a one-goal deficit twice on their way to a last minute, dramatic finish that crowned the Panthers OVC champions again

with a 3-2 victory.

"What a game ... we're going to the big dance again," Eastern coach Steve Ballard said, while sighing in relief after the tight-knit game had concluded. "Four straight championships, it truly is unbelievable."

Throughout the year, Eastern had found themselves in positions similar to what they were in against Samford. In late game situations, Eastern had not found the success they had hoped for.

But all that turned around on Sunday when the Panthers rallied for two goals in the final three minutes of the game to turn a 2-1 Samford advantage to a 3-2 Eastern victory that could

"This was a total team effort, and we were just able to put tremendous pressure (on Samford), and that was why we went ahead."

STEVE BALLARD, EASTERN COACH

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Cash-to-card convenience not for everyone

BY JESSE FUNK
STAFF WRITER

One convenient feature on any Panther Card that Eastern students can utilize is the cash-to-chip square.

The cash-to-chip system allows Panther Card holders to transfer cash to their cards to use at different locations around campus. Students can use their cards to print at computer labs, make copies, do laundry, use vending machines on campus and pay for most purchases at the Martin Luther King University Union.

Susan Smith, assistant director of the Telecommunications Department, said universities across the country such as Indiana University in Bloomington and the University of Illinois use similar systems to allow students to put money on their identification cards.

"Eastern adopted the cash-to-chip system in 1998, but the idea for it came earlier," Smith said. "In the mid-1990s, the student government at EIU was behind the push for cash-to-chip machines."

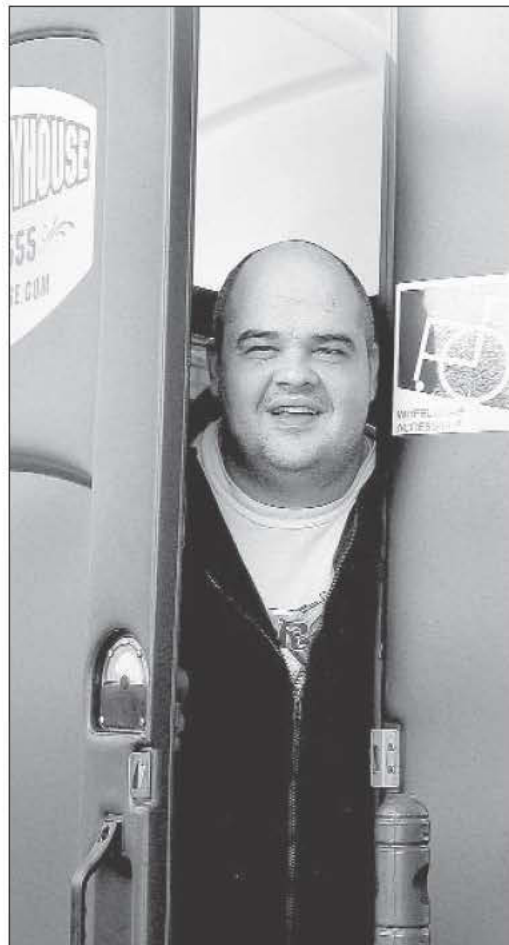
The student government believed the cash-to-chip system would allow students pay for more purchases around campus more conveniently, Smith said.

She said there are 16 cash-to-chip machines located on campus, which is actually more than the average of other universities.

The machines are located in all residence halls, the library, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and other places around campus, Smith said.

She said the machines cost around \$5,000 apiece and require weekly service and maintenance.

The Telecommunications Department does weekly maintenance itself, which usually includes



TIM MARTIN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jason Craig, of Mattoon, will live in a Port-a-Potty at the Citgo Gas Station in Mattoon on Route 16 until Nov. 25, the Thanksgiving holiday, with the hope of raising \$25,000 for holiday gifts programs for underprivileged children.

PORT-A-CHARITY

Mattoon resident intends to spend 24 days in port-a-potty to raise funds for the underprivileged

BY TIM MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Wedge in a corner next to a half-used package of Charmin toilet paper, Jason Craig leans back in his folding chair while watching episodes from the second season of *Alias*.

You know, Craig chuckles, life in a Port-A-Potty isn't that bad.

"It's really just kind of weird," said Craig, a 5-foot-10, 330-pound Mattoon resident. "I guess technically, if you look in here, I have no room to live."

But that's the challenge confronting Craig, who pledged to live in a handicap Port-A-Potty from Nov. 1 until Nov. 25 — Thanksgiving — and collect donations for holiday gift programs for underprivileged children. He hopes to raise \$25,000. His plea to the public is communicated on a large sign tacked to the side of the evergreen-colored plastic outhouse: Help me out!

How to donate

Money raised will be donated to Mattoon Fire Department's Operation Sleighride program, Mattoon's Shop with a Cop program and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Coles County.

♦ Visit Craig at the Citgo Gas Station in Mattoon near Showplace 10

♦ Mail checks to: Big J's Flush-a-Thon; P.O. Box 10; Lerna, IL 62440

♦ Donate online at www.flushathon.iwarp.com

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AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Missouri men arrested on drug charges

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four Missouri men were arrested in Murphysboro this week with charges relating to the possession and manufacturing of methamphetamines after a local merchant tipped off police about their purchase of common meth-making ingredients.

All four men were taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro awaiting court appearances. Murphysboro Police Chief Jeff Bock said the arrests came as a result of the investigation of a tip from a local merchant.

After investigating, police said they found an amount of illegally carried and stored anhydrous ammonia, in addition to other meth-cooking ingredients.

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WTF?

3 sentenced for prostitution at golf events

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORCO, Calif. — Two golf course managers and a tournament organizer were sentenced to house arrest for hosting two competitions featuring prostitutes and strippers stationed along the putting greens.

Superior Court Judge Christian F. Thierbach chided the three for their "immoral and illegal actions" at the so-called girdle tournaments in spring 2002.

More than a dozen prostitutes and strippers, including a 16-year-old girl, set up tents and advertised their services on boards, officials said. About 160 golfers paid \$200 apiece to play, though some showed up without their clubs, officials said.

Sheriff's deputies wearing camouflage raided the second tournament, detaining 90 golfers and 17 strippers and alleged prostitutes, along with golf course workers.

Event organizer Sandy Juarez, 39, was accused of providing the prostitutes. In a deal with prosecutors, she pleaded guilty to felony conspiracy to corrupt public morals and testified against Hidden Valley Golf Club general manager Jason Wood, 38, and his former assistant, Darren James Bollinger, 30. The pair pleaded guilty in July to the same charge.

All three were sentenced to 125 days of house arrest.

Two golfers have been convicted of engaging in prostitution, and the mother of the 16-year-old prostitute is charged with child endangerment and prostitution.

TOGETHER



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Terry Davis and Thoreso Kincade perform at Tarble Arts Center Sunday afternoon at the "Putting It Together" musical.

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers, should there be visitation hours in residence halls?

- A) Yes.
- B) No.
- C) It's a necessity for incoming freshman, but not for the other classes.
- D) Undecided.

VOTE @ THEDAILEASTERNNEWS.COM

TODAY'S EVENTS

RESUME BLITZ	3 P.M.	CAREER SERVICES 1301
Resume critiques in 15 minutes or less. No appointment necessary part of fall Education Job Fair		
FIREWORKS	2 P.M.	CATS TRAINING LAB, McAFEE 1214
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COUNTING DOWN

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Days until the next presidential election.

WORD DU JOUR

Pickwickian:

- 1. marked by simplicity and generosity.
- 2. intended or taken in a sense other than the obvious or literal one.

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Comedian mocks his weight and love life

BY COURTNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

A large crowd gathered at the 7th Street Underground on Friday night to hear the comical performance of Clay Ratliff.

"I like big girls," Ratliff said. "When me and her get together, it looks like a threesome."

Ratliff joked about everything from the type of women he likes to date to smoking pot.

"I smoke a lot of pot," Ratliff said. "Instead of a beer belly, I have a pot belly," said Ratliff as he joked about his weight.

"Some of y'all may notice that I like groceries. Groceries have given me the body of a god, but unfortunately, his name is Buddha."

Ratliff, who has been called "the funniest man in the trailer park," is not new to the comedy circuit. He was a finalist on "Showtime Television Comedy Showcase" and NBC's "Television Comedy Talent Search," according to his Web site.

During the show, Ratliff said he was from the same town as "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson, and then he proceeded to vividly describe her father's appearance.

"He looks like a big albino," Ratliff said. "He looks like someone took a marshmallow and rolled it on a barber-shop floor."

He also described how he tried to take advantage of the publicity his town received after Clarkson became famous.

"Me and my friend started a game called 'Who wants their utilities turned on?'" Ratliff said.

Ratliff's comedy included information about himself, yet some students said it may have been too much information.

"I know way too much about his personal life," said Sarah Lokaitis, a sophomore communication studies major.

"I loved it; it was a great crowd," Ratliff said after the show and said he would come back to Eastern.



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Clay Ratliff draws some laughs Friday night in the 7th Street Underground.

Relay For Life kick off information for spring event

BY LINDSEY DUNTON
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Eastern's Colleges Against Cancer organization will be hosting a kick-off celebration to inform students about their Relay For Life event in the spring.

Relay For Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that gets community members to form teams that walk around a track all evening in order to raise money to fight cancer.

"Cancer touches everyone," said Sarah Galey, recruitment co-chair for Relay For Life. "There are so many people infected with cancer that we need to do something to raise awareness about the epidemic."

They really feel that this event can and does raise awareness.

According to the American Cancer Society's Web site, in 2003 there were an estimated 1,334,100 new cases of cancer and 556,500 deaths caused by the disease.

Colleges Against Cancer will be hosting their kick-off celebration from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday in the 7th Street Underground.

The organization chose to do the kick-off celebration to inform students about Relay For Life and have them register for teams. The registration fee for teams that sign up prior to February 14 is \$25 and any team registering after will pay \$50.

"There will be door prizes, movies about Relay For Life, and we will be explaining what Relay (For Life) is," Galey said.

Stephanie Howard, recruitment co-chair, joined the Relay For Life recruitment team because of cancer's effect on someone close to her.

"My grandma has cancer right now, and she is bedridden and unable to move," Howard said. "Her situation influenced my decision to join Colleges Against Cancer."

Relay For Life began in 1985 when Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Washington. Klatt clocked 83 miles, raising \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. Since 1985, 4,200 U.S. communities, as well as eight foreign countries have been participating in the event, according to the ACS web site.

Eastern's second annual Relay For Life will be held from 6 p.m. April 15 to 6 a.m. April 16, and Colleges Against Cancer is hoping to do better than last year.

"We are hoping to double the amount of teams from last year," Howard said. "Last relay there were 20 teams so we are shooting for about 40."

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How Democrats can win in 2008



MICHAEL SCHROEDER
SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

Schroeder is City Editor for The Daily Eastern News.

Dear Democrat,

It has been a tough week. Not only did you lose the presidency, but you lost four seats in the House, another four in the Senate and to the joy of Republicans and the embarrassment of you, the Senate Minority leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota was defeated by John Thune.

The main race of the week though was for President, and George Bush soundly won an election that he really had no business winning. As much as I prefer his policies and foresight, he flat out had too many unanswered questions in Iraq and with the economy. George Bush's approval rating was on a steady decline until John Kerry made his first mistake of the campaign: he started talking he never stopped talking and never took a hard stance.

Democrats have been steadily losing seats in the House and Senate for the past 20 years, and if it weren't for a man named Bill Clinton, this may be the seventh straight election Republicans won the presidential race.

Luckily, Bill Clinton was a masterful politician, with a great staff led by James Carville, who all realized what it took to win the presidency.

They realized that in these days the only way to win the presidency is to appeal to the average American. Liberal New Englanders and liberal government "insiders" scare the majority of America.

One would think Democrats would have learned this when they threw Dukakis to the lions in 1988. You could also chalk up in the same category Mondale, although he was from Minnesota, Gore and now Kerry.

The only relief was Bill Clinton, a moderate Democrat, who made the rural people feel comfortable with his more "down to earth" background and demeanor. Clinton, along with Bush, seem like the type of guys one could go to the bar with to watch a football game, talk about life and maybe even belch without apologizing.

Put Kerry and Gore in this setting and endless conversation about lock boxes, the richest 10 percent and health care reform comes to mind.

Like it or not, "hyovers," or people who don't live in Southern California and the Boston, New York to Washington D.C. megatropolis, can't relate to the Kerrys and Gores of the world and won't vote for them.

While the support from the Hollywood left is endless, they mean nothing when it comes to the voting power of the rest of the nation.

Look at a county by county breakdown of the election, the only Kerry counties are on the upper east coast, the west coast and several Midwest cities like Chicago and Detroit. Granted there are far more people in those counties than Coles or the entire state of Oklahoma, but Democrats have lost the rural vote.

So what's the solution?

Move moderate and do not ever nominate a New England liberal again. The Kennedy dynasty is over, and it can't be recaptured. Bill Clinton is the only victory the Democrats have had.

As Democrats look for a viable candidate in 2008, they need to pull a strong Democrat from one of those "red states" in the South or Midwest.

Hillary Clinton, despite her husband's success, is not the answer. She is seen as even more liberal than Kerry, and her current status as a New York Senator does not help. Democrats need a strong moderate Senator, or even better, a strong Democrat Governor.

Pick up the pieces, stop fleeing to Canada and accept the defeat. Start looking for a candidate now. Forget Hillary, forget Howard Dean and forget anyone from any major city or anywhere in the Northeast.

Or don't listen to me and hand over the 2008 election to the Republicans. It would be fine by me.

Sincerely,

Narrow-minded Republican

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

It's not too late for change

For those of you who still haven't heard the news, George W. Bush was reelected for another term, and according to the this year's voter turnout, this would make approximately, 31 percent overjoyed, 29 percent extremely agitated and 40 percent of eligible voters ambivalent of the results.

That is the end result of most elections, from presidency to city council members there will always be a fraction of the population that will feel disenfranchised by either the process or the results. This should not stop voters from believing in the system because there is so much constituents can do to make their voices heard to public officials on important issues. Our privileges as citizens do not start and end at the voting booths because there are many vehicles we can use to promote the change and the exchange of ideas.

According to the Democracy Center at www.democracy-center.org, "Writing to a public official does make a difference. They know that every person who writes represents many others who feel the same but don't write."

They offer some suggestions that will help your letter have the effect intended.

Follow these tips to be most effective:

- ◆ Be clear about what you want, listing the bill, etc.
- ◆ Tell a story or example to make the issue real.

At issue

Making a difference after the election is over.

Our stance

Just because the presidential and local elections are over, it is not too late to make your voice heard.

- ◆ Ask for a direct response with your position.
- ◆ Personal letters are much better than form letters or petitions.

"Every citizen has the right to seek a meeting with their legislator, councilperson or other elected representative."

These tips will help make visits effective:

- ◆ Keep your group small (4-5 people).
- ◆ Make your group diverse.
- ◆ Discuss in advance how to handle the meeting.
- ◆ Be direct but not threatening.
- ◆ Know your facts.
- ◆ Leave informational material with the official.

"Try to arrange the visit on your turf. Invite the person to tour a clinic or whatever facility or site which conveys your message in real and human terms."

The truth can have a profound effect on our elected officials. Sometimes we have to bring them back into our communities so they can have first-hand experience of what needs to be changed. Just because our preferred candidate is not at the helm, it does not mean you should turn your back on the political system or sulk and complain for the next two to four years.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOUR MORE YEARS IS A SERIOUS CONCERN

Poor America, we could not see through the misinformation, convenient sound bites and blustery rhetoric of another campaign. So now we are left with four more years of "W" on the horizon. Many are concerned with just the four more years aspect, whereas I am concerned with much more.

The president stated just the other day that he had "earned political capital in the campaign and intends to spend it."

With the further gains Republicans have made in the House and Senate, I have the feeling that his political shopping might turn into a spending spree.

Keep in mind that the upcoming administration will have the opportunity to appoint two to three Supreme Court Justices, one of which will be a Chief Justice, during its reign.

Now we are talking about neo conservative right-wing agenda, ideology and laws being propagated on American citizens for possibly decades to come.

Sounds like a real progressive time for America and the world, eh? I guess we

will just have to wait and see what unfolds. Regardless, at least Illinoisans can stand proud knowing that they gave Alan Keyes the boot.

Despite his entertaining antics and quotes, hopefully he will just go home. Come on Alan, it's time to get back in your Republican cage in Maryland where you will no doubt be called upon another day to annoy and make headlines in some other state's election.

KEVIN FARRELL

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT

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Hunger banquet to raise world hunger awareness

Group demonstrates food shortages in third-world countries by serving meals according to its limitations

BY KRISTIN BORN
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Haiti Connection is sponsoring its annual hunger banquet Tuesday to raise money and awareness of the world's hunger problem.

The Haiti Connection is an "organization that works directly with the people in Haiti to raise money for various projects in Haiti," said Shannon Finn, chairwoman of the hunger banquet.

Theresa Kronenburger, a senior English major and member of the Haiti Connection, said the Haiti Connection looks and helps find solutions for the reality of the world hunger problem.

At the banquet each person will draw a ticket at the door specifying which world country they will be eating in, she said. The tickets will symbolize either first, second or third world countries.

Individuals will receive food in correspondence to their world country. Each individual will be treated according to rules of limitations and benefits of their countries, Kronenburger said.

Third world countries will be treated with the most limitations and first world will be given the most benefits, Kronenburger said.

Third world countries will be seated on the floor and will be given rice and water and second world countries will be seated at a table and given beans, rice and water. First world countries will be served very nice food, Kronenburger said.

"(The hunger banquet) gets out awareness between first, second and third world countries," she said.

The purpose of the annual hunger banquet is to raise awareness of hunger in the world, Finn said.

"We (the Haiti Connection) help people help themselves," Kronenburger said. "It is important for people to know what is



Roy Lanham speaks to a crowd at last year's hunger banquet at Newman Catholic Center.

COLIN McAUILLIFFE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

really going on in the world so we can do something about it."

Craig Eckert, a sociology and anthropology professor, will be the master of ceremonies, Finn said.

"(The hunger banquet) opens your eyes to how the world really distributes food, what the world really looks like and how many people starve each day," Finn said. "Two hundred seventy people attended last year's banquet, and we are hoping for another good turnout."

The hunger banquet is free. Finn said the Haiti Connection will be accepting donations.

"Twenty percent of the donations will go to Charleston's food pantry and 80 percent will go toward projects in Haiti," Finn said.

The hunger banquet will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Newman Catholic Center, which is located across the street from Andrews Hall.

WORLD WIRE

U.S. forces storm into western districts of Fallujah

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. forces stormed into western districts of Fallujah early Monday, seizing the main city hospital and securing two key bridges over the Euphrates river in what appeared to be the first stage of the long-expected assault on the insurgent stronghold.

An AC-130 gunship raked the city with 40 mm cannon fire as explosions from U.S. artillery

lit up the night sky. Intermittent artillery fire blasted southern neighborhoods of Fallujah, and orange fireballs from high explosive airbursts could be seen above the rooftops.

U.S. officials said the toughest fight was yet to come — when American forces enter the main part of the city on the east bank of the river, including the Jolan neighborhood where insurgent defenses are believed the strongest.

The initial attacks on Fallujah began just hours after the Iraqi government declared 60

days of emergency rule throughout most of the country as militants dramatically escalated attacks, killing at least 30 people, including two Americans.

PALESTINIAN LEADERS CONSULT ABOUT ARAFAT'S CONDITION

JERUSALEM — With Yasser Arafat fighting for his life in a French hospital, his top lieu-

tenants will fly to Paris for consultations with his doctors, a senior official said Sunday, as Palestinian leaders worked to set up contingency plans in the event of the 75-year-old leader's death.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia or PLO deputy Mahmoud Abbas — or possibly both — will go to France on Monday, said Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath, who was also going on the trip.

National Nontraditional Student Week

November 7 - 13, 2004

Monday, Nov. 8 OASIS Information Day
11a.m. - 1p.m. (Organization of Adult Students, Informal and Supportive)
University Union Outside Food Court

Tuesday, Nov. 9 Alpha Sigma Lambda Information Day
11a.m. - 1p.m. Nontraditional Adult Student Honorary Society
University Union Outside Food Court

Wednesday, Nov. 10 Open House at the School of Continuing Education
3p.m. - 4:30p.m. Presentation of Awards for Excellent Service to Nontraditional Students
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Thursday, Nov. 11 School of Continuing Education Information Day
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Attorney chosen to fill Obama's state senate seat

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CHICAGO — A former Cook County prosecutor was chosen Saturday to fill the state senate spot vacated by U.S. Sen.-elect Barack Obama.

Kwame Raoul, 40, was sworn in after Democratic committeemen interviewed seven candidates to represent the 13th District on Chicago's South Side.

Obama officially resigned Thursday after he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Committee chairman Leale Hairston said Raoul stood out among the other candidates because of his commitment to Chicagoans and his ward organization. He has twice unsuccessfully run for 4th ward alderman.

"I think he'll be an excellent state senator," Hairston said. "He's got the fire in his belly."

Raoul said he'll be an advocate for public education, transportation and health care.

He said he has raised \$60,000 in campaign money and is on track to raise more than \$200,000 for the primary in March 2006.

Raoul, who grew up in Chicago, has practiced law since 1993. He serves on the board of directors of the Cook County Bar Association and

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the Cook County Bar Foundation. He also heads the Janin and Marie Raoul Foundation, which promotes health care.

Others who vied to replace Obama were Will D. Bums, a senior advisor to Illinois Senate President Emil Jones; Stephen Stern, former president of the Cook County Bar Association; attorney Al Hofeld Jr.; the Rev. James Demus, the president of the South Side NAACP; Chris Stanek, a management consultant; and Wendy Allen Ayers.

MASS-TRANSIT BAILOUT FACE RETURNING LAWMAKERS

SPRINGFIELD — Billions of dollars of new construction projects are on hold, the Chicago Transit Authority says it needs more money, and gambling proponents are proposing new casinos as the General Assembly returns this week.

Despite continuing stress on the state budget, legislative leaders and Gov. Rod Blagojevich also want to spend \$5 million to increase Capitol security after a shooting there in September.

Blagojevich vetoed 31 bills from the regular session earlier this year, but they won't be the focus as the Legislature makes its annual return to consider unfinished business.

Instead, emboldened Democrats, who retained control of both legislative chambers in last week's election, likely will push a plan for more casinos — including one in Chicago — to generate revenue for Illinois' sagging budget. Chicago Democrats will be seeking tens of millions of dollars to prevent mass-transit service cuts in the city. And Blagojevich wants his delayed capital construction program approved.

The governor agreed last summer to put off a vote on his \$10.1 billion construction plan for new roads and other projects so lawmakers, locked in a record overtime session, could get an operating budget approved.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, and Republican leaders objected to the governor's plan to borrow \$2 billion for new roads and pay it back with current road-

building funds, which they deemed insufficient.

"The governor wants to have a capital bill but you need to have revenue passed by the General Assembly," Blagojevich budget spokeswoman Becky Carroll said.

STATE BUDGET TROUBLES CUT GRANTS FOR PARKS, MUSEUMS

BLOOMINGTON — Cash from off-track betting parlors helped Bloomington buy a multimillion-dollar zoo exhibit, a replica of a South American rain forest with exotic birds and other animals. Grayville had been using its cut of OTB winnings to keep up its small park and swimming pool.

For years, the state has shared nearly \$3 million of its take from OTBs with about a dozen Illinois park districts, along with some Chicago attractions.

But Gov. Rod Blagojevich and lawmakers quietly dumped the grants last summer to help plug the state's \$2.3 billion budget gap, a move that is now coming as a surprise to local officials who were expecting checks to show up as usual in December.

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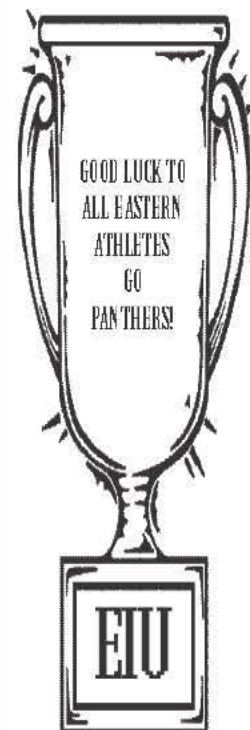
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NEW YORK — A 25-year-old from Georgia who was apparently distraught over President Bush's re-election shot and killed himself at ground zero.

Andrew Veal's body was found Saturday morning inside the off-limits site, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A shotgun was found nearby, but no suicide note was found, Coleman said.

Newsday, citing a police source it did not identify, reported Sunday that Veal opposed the war in Iraq and was apparently distraught after the election.

Friends said Veal worked in a computer lab at the University of Georgia and was planning to marry.

"I'm absolutely sure it's a protest," Mary Anne Mauney, Veal's supervisor at the lab, told *The Daily News*. "I don't know what made him commit suicide, but where he did it was symbolic."

Police were investigating how Veal entered the former World Trade Center site, which is protected by high fences and owned by the Port Authority.

BUSH HOPES IN A SECOND TERM TO MAKE TAX CUTS PERMANENT

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by a clear-cut election victory, President Bush is pledging to make permanent the sweeping tax cuts of his first term and to simplify the nation's tax laws.

The price tag on making the tax cuts permanent is more than \$1 trillion, a daunting number in an age of record budget deficits.

At the same time, efforts to enact ambitious

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proposals to overhaul the tax system often fall victim to a ferocious assault from Washington lobbyists determined to protect special breaks for their clients.

While not discounting the challenges ahead, Bush's supporters are betting that the president will end up getting much of what he wants with the help of bigger Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate.

"Tax reform is a politically dangerous road to travel with a lot of corpses," said Stephen Moore, head of the Club for Growth, which supports an aggressive tax-cutting agenda.

"But the president is very serious about this. He wants to make a major push for overhauling the tax system," Moore said.

NOMINEES OPPOSING ABORTION WILL GET FAIR HEARING

WASHINGTON — Insisting he has no litmus test, the Republican in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee pledged Sunday not to stall President Bush's judicial nominees, even if the prospective judges oppose abortion rights.

The White House expressed confidence its choices would get a fair hearing.

Sen. Arlen Specter, a moderate from Pennsylvania who backs abortion rights, said he has supported judicial nominees in the past who do not agree with the Supreme Court's 1973

Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

"The fact is that I have supported all of President Bush's nominees in committee and on the floor. I have never applied a litmus test," Specter said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Looking ahead to the post-election session of Congress that begins Nov. 16, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said he thought House and Senate negotiators should be able to resolve their differences over competing versions of legislation to overhaul U.S. intelligence agencies.

AVERAGE FINE FOR DEALING WITH TERRORIST NATIONS PLUNGED

WASHINGTON — Despite the Bush administration's pledge to battle terrorist financing, the government's average penalty against companies doing business with countries listed as terrorist-sponsoring states fell sharply after the Sept. 11 attacks, an Associated Press analysis of federal records shows.

The average penalty for a company doing business with Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Sudan or Libya dropped nearly threefold, from more than \$50,000 in the five years before the 2001 attacks to about \$18,700 afterward, according to a computer-assisted analysis of federal records.

After the attacks, Bush grouped North Korea, Iran and Saddam Hussein's Iraq together as an "axis of evil" countries with both weapons of mass destruction and links to terrorists.

A Treasury Department spokeswoman said that despite the smaller average fines, the administration was doing a good job of enforcing economic penalties against nations considered sponsors of terrorism. Molly Millerwise said the department's Office of

Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, "is committed to ensuring that U.S. entities abide by U.S. sanction laws. We are not in the business of making money."

The smaller average fines could indicate that companies are making fewer large deals with terrorist countries, said Adam Pencer, who advises businesses on how to avoid dealing with terrorist nations.

NEW DEVICE ACTS LIKE SUPPORT HOSE TO HELP WEAK HEARTS

NEW ORLEANS — Pantyhose for the heart?

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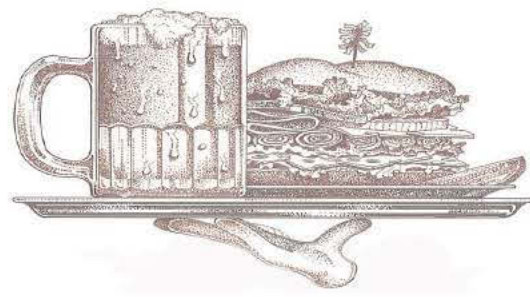
About 150 heart failure patients who got this novel and incredibly simple device felt better, were less likely to need heart transplants or other operations, and improved in other ways when compared with people who did not get the fabric wrap.

"There was a 75 percent overall improvement. It is a sort of breakthrough technology," said Dr. Douglas Mann, the Baylor College of Medicine cardiologist who led the study and reported results Sunday at an American Heart Association conference.

"This does more than any existing therapy that's out there today," he said.

Several experts said the surgically implanted stocking could fill a gap for people who are not helped by drugs or pacemakers and who do not want or cannot have a mechanical heart pump or an organ transplant.

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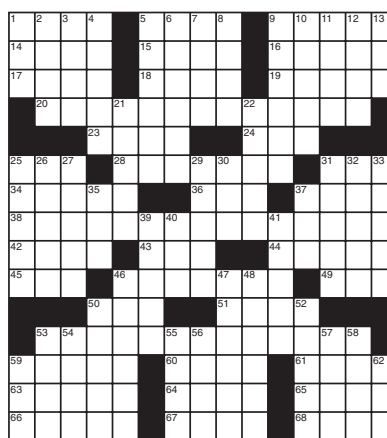
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be considered one of the best comebacks ever at Eastern.

“Seriously, I think I had 14 strokes out there today,” junior defender Morgan Frericks, who scored the game tying goal during the 87th minute, said. “I didn’t think I was going to score but after I flipped it up I was able to turn and see it go over the goalie’s head, and after that it was just pure excitement.”

Samford scored the first goal of the game, and senior Audra Frericks answered just before the half to tie the game up for the first time.

The game was tied for the majority of the second half, before Samford scored again to put the Panthers in a short-lived hole.

With only three minutes remaining, Morgan’s game tying goal was also her first goal of the season. And it came as a result of Ballard pushing all of his players forward in an attempt to tie the game up through pressure that he hoped would provide the scoring opportunities the team needed.

“After they went ahead with the second goal of the game, we didn’t hesitate or doubt ourselves,” Ballard said. “This was a total team effort, and we were just able to put tremendous pressure (on Samford) and that was why we went ahead.”

After the game was tied, emotions on the team weren’t given a break because forward Sharyne Connell put the game-winning goal on the board only about a minute and a half later.

Connell found herself amongst a group of people after a crossing pass worked its way to the middle of the field. The ball bounced off a few players and found its way to Connell’s foot, an opportunity was created that Connell wasn’t going to miss.

“I didn’t do any of the hard work; the ball just found its way to me,” Connell said. “Then I was just able to get enough on it to put the ball past the goalie on her left side, but I basically miss hit it and it still went in.

“No matter what happened on that play tough, there was just so much heart out on the field for us today that we couldn’t be denied.”

The game was somewhat similar to last year’s championship game that put the Panthers in the NCAA College Cup as well.

The same two teams played, and the closeness of the game was strikingly similar considering each game went down to the final moments before it was finally decided.

The only difference was that last year’s match made its way to overtime, while this year the game was decided in regulation time.

“We knew we had to come back, and the passion was even higher for me knowing this could be my last game,” senior Audra Frericks, who was named tournament MVP, said. “The entire team was giddy after the goal was scored, but we were extremely determined as well.

“It was a relief not to have the pressure of an over-time period; to end the game there was the best way it could happen.”

CARD:

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Many students use the chips to print at computer labs or to use the vending machines. Smith said students receive a 10 percent discount when they use their cards at any Pepsi machine on campus.

“I’ve never used it before.”

MAGGIE BITAUTAS, JUNIOR
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Although it seems like the cash-to-chip machines are beneficial, student reactions are mixed when it comes to using the system.

“I’ve never used it before,” said Maggie Bitautas, a junior psy-

chology major. “I’ve never put money on it.”

Bitautas said she would rather pay cash to print or use the vending machines because she finds it easier.

Braghan Kaley, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, said he likes the convenience the machines offer.

“I like the machines; it’s easier for me to put the card in than to have to carry around the dollar bills and change.”

POTTY:

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The idea to reside in an outdoor bathroom for more than three weeks came first from his long-time girlfriend, then his former boss at a radio station in Toledo, Ohio, who had employed him for promotional gimmicks that required him to dress as a superhero. Last year, Craig donated \$1,000 to local charities for needy children for the holidays, but this year he wanted to do more.

“For two people to have that idea just roll off their tongues,” Craig said, “I knew it was meant to be.”

And so, Craig, 30, is a man squatting with a purpose, both in the short-run for needy children, but also in the long run to position himself as a noticeable face in the community.

The driving force for Craig, who moved a dozen times before graduating high school, is providing for children with unstable home lives. The owner of a sports memorabilia and trading cards store in Mattoon, Craig vividly recalls parents who would drop off their children in the morning and not pick them up until late afternoon.

That’s why he’s hunched up in a 52-inch by 52-inch Port-A-Potty, located at the Citgo gas station on Route 16 near the Showplace 10 movie theater, sipping hot chocolate and waiting for the next donation in what should be a frigid month of November.

“When he called and we talked you could tell he was a Santa Claus kind of guy,” said Howard Kemper, manager of Pottyhouse in Champaign, which donated the Port-A-Potty.

And he doesn’t drop his charitable character when the season of giving ends.

Craig said he’s a member of Circle K, a program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where donors supply \$10,000 a year for a student-athlete. He always lends a hand for school fundraisers. In fact, he gives so much his accountant warns that Craig’s store may be the first one to show a profit loss because of an abundance of charitable donations.

EXPERIENCED IN PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT

Over the past five years, Craig has partaken in a number of zany events,

“When he called and we talked, you could tell he was a Santa Claus kind of guy.”

HOWARD KEMPER,
POTTY HOUSE MANAGER

the outhouse stunt just being the most recent example. He got his start while living in Toledo, Ohio, where he caught the eye of Bill Michaels, operations manager for Clear Channel Radio, which owns 92.5 KISS FM. Michaels’ first assignment for Craig: dress up as Captain Kiss, a fictional superhero whose outfit included a dancer’s leotard and a cape, and show up at a shopping mall.

Craig dazzled the crowd. Children told their confused parents they had seen the superhero on television. What Craig took from that public appearance was a sense of pride, as the shopping mall event promoted a toy drive for children. By the end of the day, three semi-truck trailers of gifts had been donated.

He realized the power of public humiliation and enjoyed seeing others smile. Now, there’s no level he won’t stoop to, he says.

The desire to do well for others and remain at the center of attention follows a rocky childhood where he spent time in a foster home and juvenile jail. Craig said he does not want others to make the same mistakes he did. The remedy, he believes, is for families to spend more time with each other at the dinner table and to offer after-school programs for the area’s youth to keep them out of trouble.

“I’ve always tried to find the next Jason and no one has come close,” Michaels said. “He’s willing to go to any type of extremes to get his point across, and you don’t find that a lot nowadays.”

THE PORT-A-POTTY: IT’S A TIGHT SQUEEZE’

But the outhouse stunt might be the most extreme Craig has ever done, if not for the idea but the duration. He’s not leaving the Port-A-Potty for 24 days, except for medical reasons or if the \$25,000 goal is met.

“Generally they laugh at first and say, ‘he’s in a what?’” said Randy Myers, a Mattoon fire fighter and director of Operation Sleighride, one of the participating organizations. “Once you get past the initial amusement, you realize that it’s a serious thing, and that he’s going to do it.”

On a recent afternoon, Craig’s long-time girlfriend, Kristie Koester, and the couple’s two children crammed inside the Port-A-Potty for a family get-together. Normally, Koester admits, she wants no part of a Port-A-Potty, but this one had been delivered brand new and clean. The smell wasn’t bad, at least not yet, she laughs.

A quick peek inside reveals other amenities that would cloak its true identity. In the back right corner rests a DVD player, a space heater, a portable stereo and a television that is propped up on a milk crate — just in case it rains. Craig’s close location to the gas station allows him access to an electrical outlet 15 feet away.

“It kind of feels like you’re in one little bedroom that has its own toilet,” said Koester, who brings a change of clothes and food to Craig daily.

“It’s a pretty tight squeeze,” Craig said.

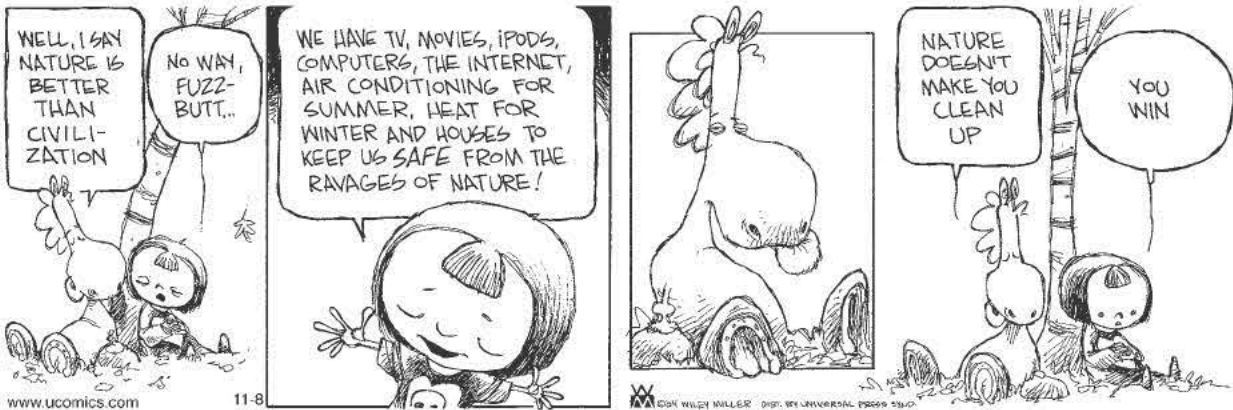
The early mornings and late afternoons have proven to be the most generous time for donations, Craig said. He generally receives coin change, which he chunks into a white garbage can that is emptied daily and taken to the bank. Donors have also pledged by the hour, day or week.

But in analyzing the potential success, the fundraiser could work because of its uniqueness to the area, although it may also be confusing to potential donors, said Jackie Joines, former president of the East-Central Illinois chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. At the very least, Joines said Craig should generate awareness for the charities.

But Craig has proven he is willing to do more than the norm. After this fundraiser, Craig will start with his next goal of pushing for the construction of a Family Center in an empty lot he can see from his Port-A-Potty. He has already tossed around some potential ideas, and, of course, it involves bodily pain. Calling himself a hairy guy, Craig suggests his next big promotion will be a little crazy: a full body wax.

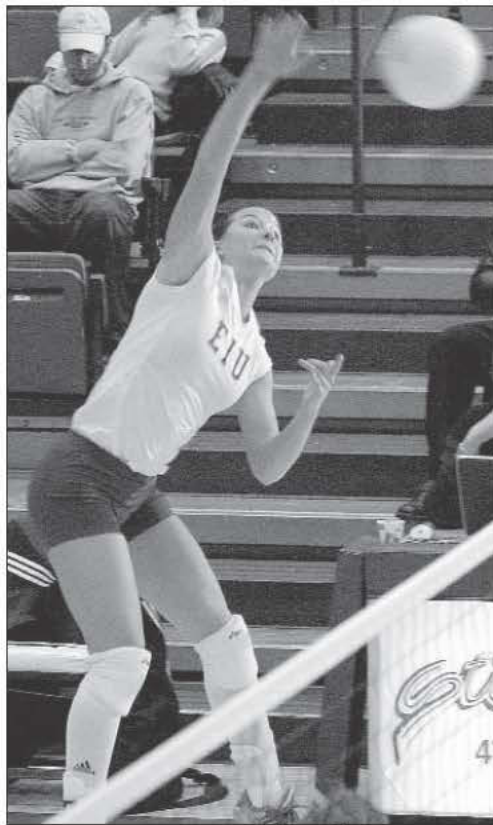
“Some people call it dedication, I call it craziness,” he said.

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Senior outside hitter Erica Gerth kills the ball against Chicago State Oct. 19 in Lantz Arena. While the Panthers lost to Eastern Kentucky, Gerth was still able to break the all-time digs record at Eastern and currently has 1,609 career digs.

VOLLEYBALL

Unlucky number 13

Panthers end winning streak and team slips back into OVC tie

By DAN WOIKE
STAFF WRITER

All things must come to end.

The Eastern volleyball team had its 13-match winning streak in the Ohio Valley Conference snapped after a four-game loss at Eastern Kentucky on Saturday.

The Panthers' .124 hitting percentage in the match is the lowest offensive output by Eastern (22-5, 13-1 OVC) all season.

In the loss, senior outside hitter Erica Gerth broke Vanessa Wells' career record for digs at Eastern. Including the weekend, Gerth, who already owns Eastern's all-time kills record, has recorded 1,609 digs in her collegiate career.

After winning game one against Eastern Kentucky 30-28, the Panthers' offense sputtered and the team lost the next three games, 18-30, 23-30 and 21-30.

"Our biggest weapon is our offense," Panther coach Brenda Winkler said. "And when we're not passing well, we can't stay in system, which makes our offense a lot less effective."

And the Panthers' offensive deficiencies helped the Eastern Kentucky offense get started.

Eastern Kentucky junior middle blocker Liz Guard led all players with 19 kills and a .679 hitting percentage. The Colonels (23-4, 13-1) also had three players with 20 or more digs.

Junior middle blocker Megan Kennedy led Eastern with 14 kills and Gerth and senior middle blocker Shanna Ruxer both added 13 kills.

Before losing to the Colonels, Eastern won its 13th consecutive OVC contest, giving the team the best start in the OVC in Panther history.

The Panthers began the weekend by sweeping Morehead State 30-24, 30-22 and 30-23 on Friday. The win gave Eastern its 22nd victory of the season, the most in Winkler's five-year tenure.

Gerth led the way for Eastern with a match-high 21 kills and 18 digs.

Winkler said she enjoyed watching Gerth re-write the Eastern record books.

"Erica's a player who deserves it," Winkler said. "She's very blessed physically, but what she does nutritionally and how she works to stay in shape sets her apart."

Gerth said the digs record shows how much her coaches have helped her develop as a defensive player.

"When I came in as a freshman, I didn't know how to play defense

because I never really spent much time on it during high school," she said. "The coaches here helped me improve a lot."

With the Panthers' first OVC loss, the team no longer controls its post-season destiny. If both Eastern and Eastern Kentucky win their final two OVC matches, the Colonels would be the regular-season champions because of the head-to-head tiebreaker.

The OVC regular season champ will host the conference's postseason tournament. Regardless of next weekend's results, the Panthers can finish no worse than second in the conference.

Winkler said she expects her team to use the loss as motivation going into the final weekend of conference play.

"The way this team has responded to losses this season has been to play even better," Winkler said. "So, that's encouraging."

And Gerth echoed Winkler's sentiment and said losing to Eastern Kentucky has made her team hungrier for a potential meeting with the Colonels in the postseason.

"We didn't play our best against them, and if we play our 'A' game next time, I think it will be a different match," she said. "We need a second chance against them."

"People may have thought that it was the biggest match of the season, but we haven't gotten there yet."

SEIDLITZ:

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Panthers over the top.

First came junior defender Morgan Frerick's goal to tie the game and then Connell won the game and the tournament less than two minutes later, with no regard to those who might not have turned their head back around after Frerick's goal.

"I, and this team, wanted this game to end right there, the faster the better," Eastern coach Steve Ballard said. "We thought we had the upper hand going into the game and, even though

"When their second goal was scored, I looked around and definitely saw some tears in a few players' eyes."

SHARVINE CONNELL FORWARD

we had to come back, this team was not going to be denied."

The Panthers, themselves didn't allow the situation to hold them captive as many teams are prone to do. The pressure of the situation, with only a few minutes left to tick away the entire season, would have caused so many teams to be crippled. But this year's Eastern squad, like so many others in the past, didn't allow that to

overcome what their mindset needed to be.

"We weren't thinking about anything more than 'holy crap, we better score another goal,'" Connell said. "We knew we just had to keep fighting, and then the goals happened, and it was due to everyone out on the field; it was a complete team effort."

After the game concluded, some

members of the team struggled to grasp exactly what the victory meant but they knew it was special.

To Morgan Frerick's the game was considered to be "one of the highest comeback games I've ever been involved with."

"I've never been involved in a game where there has been so much on the line," she said. "When you look at all the ups and downs of the

season, then you get to this point together as a team, everybody is going through all the emotions right now."

Going through all those emotions is something Ballard did not want to come back down from and he wanted his players to relish the moment.

"I don't want to think about anything else right now, the selection show (for the NCAA College Cup) or anything," Ballard said. "We still have an ultimate goal of winning a game at the NCAA tournament, but we still will just enjoy the trip back home for right now."

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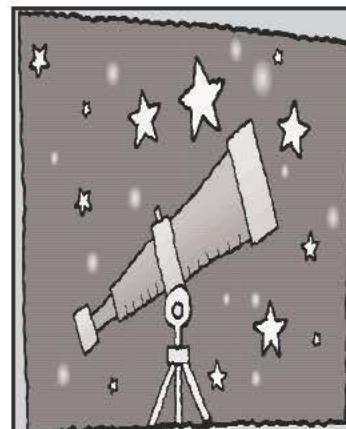
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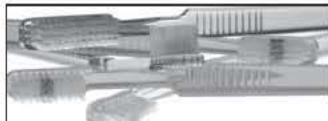
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FOOTBALL

Watching the OVC slip away

Eastern's loss could end team's hopes for conference title

By DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATED SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern dropped out of the Ohio Valley Conference race Saturday when they lost an emotional overtime game 40-37 to Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers (4-5, 3-3) trailed the Golden Eagles (6-3, 3-2) 34-13 halfway through the fourth quarter. But Eastern scored three touchdowns in the final eight minutes to send the game to overtime.

"Considering how poor of a fourth quarter team we've been this season, it was exciting to have a come back like that," Eastern coach Bob Spoo said. "You can't knock these kids' effort. They didn't give up and they kept fighting."

The first score of the comeback came on a 14-yard pass from quarterback Matt Schabert to receiver Charles Owens. The touchdown capped a 50-yard drive. The next touchdown came off an 85-yard drive that lasted just under two minutes and ended with an 8-yard Matt Schabert run.

The Panthers tying score was setup by a Chad Cleveland interception that gave Eastern the ball at Tennessee Tech's 10 yard line. The next play Schabert hit receiver Justin Duhai for a touchdown that tied the game after a successful extra point.

"In the fourth quarter our offensive line did a superb job blocking," Spoo

said. "Matt (Schabert) got hot and was hitting just about everything."

In the fourth quarter Schabert was 17 of 23 passing for 169 yards and two touchdowns.

In overtime the Panthers went on offense first. Eastern moved the ball down to the Tennessee Tech 12 yard line but couldn't convert on third down and six.

"One pass I know Matt (Schabert) wishes he had back was the one to (Ryan) Voss on third down in overtime," Spoo said. "Voss was wide open in the end zone, but he just missed his mark."

The Panthers had to settle for a field goal.

When the Golden Eagles got the ball it took them 6 plays to reach the end zone and close the game out. Eastern had two offside penalties on the drive. The first came on a third-and-six play that moved the Golden Eagles to third and one instead.

"We had two penalties that just killed us in overtime," Spoo said. "Whether it was just a lack of discipline or focus, it just hurts."

Tennessee Tech was the first to score in the game with a field goal on its opening drive of the game. The next score didn't come until the second quarter when Eastern tied the game with a field goal by Steve Kuehn.

The Panthers' only lead of the game came when Eastern defensive tackle Tim Kelly intercepted a Tennessee Tech screen pass and ran 10 yards for the touchdown to put the Panthers up 10-3. Tennessee Tech rattled off 14 points before half, however, to head into the locker room with a 17-10 lead.



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Quarterback Matt Schabert runs the ball to avoid the Tennessee State defense Oct. 30 at O'Brien Stadium. Schabert completed seven more passes in this game than any other game this year, but the Panthers still couldn't pull off a come-from-behind victory this weekend.

In the third quarter the Panthers struck first with a field goal, but the Golden Eagles responded on their first play of the drive with an 86-yard touchdown pass. Tennessee Tech would score once more before the Panthers made their comeback.

Eastern running back Vincent

Webb sat out for portions of the first half and only carried the ball 10 times in the game for 29 yards. Webb also caught eight passes for 44 yards.

Receiver Ryan Voss, who was questionable for Saturday's game, led the Panthers with 62 yards receiving.

Eastern quarterback Matt Schabert

was 32-45 on the day for 317 passing yards. He had two touchdown passes as well as one running and rushed for a team high 40 yards.

"This was an extremely disappointing game," Spoo said. "To make a comeback like that and then lose it in overtime just hurts."

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	Volleyball vs Murray State	7 p m

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Knowing the path

This year's road to the Ohio Valley Conference championship



THROW
DOWN

AARON SEIDLITZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Back to back to back, etc.

The Ohio Valley Conference Tournament's championship game went as it was supposed to be with only a matter of three minutes remaining.

Eastern, defending their OVC championship for the third year in a row, was losing to the Samford Bulldogs by the score of 2-1.

The Panthers had been battling back against the number one seeded Bulldog squad all day on Sunday, but the Panthers' emotion had taken over some of the players since Samford's go-ahead goal was scored.

"When their second goal was scored, I looked around and definitely saw some tears in a few players' eyes," junior forward Sharyne Connell said. "The whole game was just so draining emotionally and physically."

"Firstly, because they are such a good team we knew it was going to be tough. But after they went ahead I thought the team was going to be emotionally drained."

The opposite ended up happening in the end, however, after the Panthers fought to keep the game at a one-goal margin.

Then, finally, the 87th minute struck and all the passion and intensity the team had hung on to throughout the season came out in a brief, unexpected and nearly unbelievable flurry that took the

Panthers who made the OVC All-Conference Team

Trisha Walter "All that she did for us didn't show up in the stat sheet but she still had a great game (in the championship game)."

LeeAnne Langsfeld "She bolstered our defense again throughout the tournament."

Rachel Dorman "(In the championship game) she played the best game I've ever seen her play."

Audra Frericks "She was the tournament's MVP for a reason, she is somebody who brings everything she has to the field."

**Descriptions by Eastern coach Steve Ballard*

OVC Game Results

• 9/24 at AUSTIN PEAY W 2 0 (5 3, 1 0)

Game Recap: Audra Frericks and Michelle Steinhaus combined for Eastern's two goals on the team's way to their first OVC win of the season.

• 9/26 at TENNESSEE TECH T 2 2 (2 OT) (5 3, 1 0 1)

Game Recap: Audra Frericks and Sharyne Connell scored both goals for the Panthers, but a late goal from Tennessee Tech forced the game to finish in a tie.

• 10/1 vs. MOREHEAD STATE W 4 0 (6 3 1, 2 0 1)

Game Recap: Sharyne Connell netted two goals in Eastern's solid victory over the Golden Eagles in response to the team's tie against Tennessee Tech.

• 10/8 at JACKSONVILLE STATE L 0 1 (6 4 2, 2 1 1)

Game Recap: Eastern's lone conference loss during the regular season came to a Jacksonville State squad that didn't even make the OVC tournament. Panther coach Steve Ballard felt that his team's play against the Gamecocks was the flattest he had seen all year.

• 10/10 at SAMFORD W 1 0 (7 4 2, 3 1 1)

Game Recap: Eastern handed Samford its only conference loss on Trisha Walter's goal that came shortly after halftime.

• 10/15 vs. MURRAY STATE W 2 0 (8 4 2, 4 1 1)

Game Recap: Michelle Steinhaus scored her first multi goal game of her career against the Racers as Eastern recorded their seventh shutout of the season.

• 10/17 vs. TENNESSEE MARTIN W 3 1 (9 4 2, 5 1 1)

Game Recap: All three Eastern goals came in the second half of play. Michelle Steinhaus, Trisha Walter and Sharyne Connell were responsible for the goals.

• 10/22 vs. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI . . W 2 1 (OT) (10 4 2, 6 1 1)

Game Recap: On senior day at Lakeside Field, freshman Michelle Steinhaus continued her hot play when she scored the game winning goal with only a few ticks left on the clock.

10/24 at SOUTHWEST MISSOURI 0 2 (10 5 2, 6 1 1)

10/27 at WESTERN ILLINOIS . W 5 1 (11 5 2, 6 1 1)

AT OVC TOURNAMENT:

• 11/5 (#2) Eastern vs. (#3) Murray State
W 4 0 (12 5 2, 6 1 1)

Game Recap: Trisha Walter's two goals catapulted the Panthers past the Racers and into the OVC championship game.

• 11/7 (#2) Eastern at (#1) Samford
W 3 2 (13 5 2, 6 1 1)

Game Recap: Two goals, by Morgan Frericks and Sharyne Connell, in the final three minutes gave Eastern their fourth straight OVC tournament title.

Morgan Frericks scored her first goal of the season to win the game against Samford in the OVC tournament.

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